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News for the Campus Community — Summer 2009

New VP Sees Opportunity During Financial Hard Times

SUSIE FLAHERTY AND RONALD HUBE

Kathleen M. Byington, MBA, is the University of Maryland, Baltimore's new vice president for administration and finance, one of the top administrative positions at the University. Byington was named to the post in June, assuming the role filled by James T. Hill, MPA, for 36 years before his retirement Jan. 1.

Byington oversees a wide range

of areas such as finance (including budget and cost analysis), operations and planning (including facilities management and human resources), and public safety. She comes to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) from Georgetown



Kathleen Byington

University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where she was vice president and chief business officer. At Georgetown, she used a comprehensive research and education portfolio review and resource utilization metric to help address financial challenges faced by the academic medical center.

"Ms. Byington arrives on campus at a time when the state of Maryland, the nation, and indeed the world face what is surely the most difficult economic environment in decades," says David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, president of UMB. "I know that she is exactly the right person to help us continue to grow in excellence."

Before her position at Georgetown, Byington was the chief financial officer at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Her early career included a stint at Harvard University as a biomedi-

cal engineer, and she has 12 years of experience in progressive business leadership in the biotechnology industry. Byington has a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering from Boston University and a master's degree in business administration from Northeastern University.

"Her unique blend of biomedical engineering expertise and astute financial skills will serve us well as we continue to build collaborative

> partnerships with government, industry, and community partners," says Ramsay.

Byington says the "challenge for UMB at this particular economic time is to steward the considerable resources that have been invested in this University over the past

decade and which are reflected in the excellent scholarship and support structures like the facilities and public safety programs."

"From that base," she says, "the University is then poised to take advantage of the opportunities that these economic times will present to invest in key new areas that will add to our service of the public good."

Byington says the billions of dollars in funding for the National Institutes of Health as part of the federal economic stimulus plan will help UMB enhance current biomedical programs and create new ones. But she adds, "The infusion of this new funding, as significant as it is, is only the kick-start to this process, which in two years must culminate in the development of new and sustainable funding models for biomedical research.

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From left: School of Medicine Dean E. Albert Reece, Jeffrey Crowley, Luc Montagnier, and Robert Gallo in Washington, D.C. Gallo and Montagnier called attention to the continuing epidemic of HIV/AIDS worldwide.

Gallo Speaks at National Press Club

KAREN BUCKELEW

HIV co-discoverers Robert Gallo, MD, director of the Institute of Human Virology at the School of Medicine, and Luc Montagnier, MD, president of the World Foundation for Medical Research and Prevention, held a joint press conference to call on international organizations and governments to immediately implement six objectives to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

They made the announcement in May at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Also speaking at the conference was Jeffrey Crowley, director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy.

"HIV and AIDS remain an unparalleled global health threat, and despite progress in treatment, could worsen unless determined action is taken," said Gallo and Montagnier. Hoping to take action against that, "we believe the recommendations we are making today will be key to reducing and ultimately minimizing the devastation of HIV and AIDS," they said.

The six objectives are: 1) invest in medical infrastructure and educational outreach programs in U.S. communities most affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic; 2) promote global development of HIV/AIDS treatment and control programs along with regional research institutions in developing countries; 3) cultivate and inspire young scientists in the field of human virology; 4) enhance HIV/AIDS education and prevention, especially in countries with high infection rates; 5) support cuttingedge vaccine research and the development of new effective therapies; and 6) continue to focus on preventing mother-to-child HIV transmission.

"Here we are, 25 years after discovering the cause of AIDS and we still have a major, public health HIV/AIDS crisis," said Gallo. "Never in the history of mankind have we so quickly identified the cause of an epidemic, developed a test for it, and begun to develop drug therapy, changing a oncedeadly virus to a lifelong condition with proper medical intervention. It is important for governments and organizations from around the world to come together and combat this collective HIV/AIDS emergency."

"President Obama is fully committed to the worldwide effort to combat HIV/AIDS, and is equally committed to the effort here at

home, where we are facing a serious challenge," said Crowley.

"With more than 56,000 new infections each year and more than 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States, we continue to have a very serious domestic epidemic. As part of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy development process, we will be developing strategies to lower HIV incidence, get all people living with HIV/AIDS into care, and address health disparities," he vowed.

Gallo encouraged members of the media not to be so distracted by swine flu and natural disasters that they lose sight of the devastation HIV/AIDS is still causing. "Let's not forget that we have a known, deadly epidemic still going on," he said. "As one of my colleagues at the Institute of Human Virology pointed out, the tsunami killed about 175,000 people. Almost that many die every month from HIV and AIDS."

"Despite many advances in HIV research, from the virus discovery to the antiretroviral therapy, the AIDS epidemic is still spreading and remains a major health problem in many countries," said Montagnier.

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Making an Impact UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE founders week

Events

Monday, Oct. 19
Tuesday, Oct. 20
Wednesday, Oct. 21
Thursday, Oct. 22
Date To Be Announced

Gala
Research Lecture and Reception
Student Cookout
Staff Luncheon
Entrepreneur of the Year Breakfast
and Presentation

Rothenberg Honored With Public Service Fund

To honor Karen H. Rothenberg, JD, MPA, as she returns to the faculty after a decade of remarkable accomplishment as dean of the School of Law, more than 160 individuals have contributed more than \$180,000 to establish the Karen H. Rothenberg Fund for Public Service.

The fund was announced in May as more than 200 law school graduates and friends gathered at Baltimore's Center Club for "A Celebration of Leadership," an event honoring Rothenberg and distinguished law school graduates. Rothenberg stepped down as dean at the end of June.

In presenting Rothenberg with the check establishing the fund, Paul Bekman, JD '71, chair of the School's Board of Visitors, remarked that "as she steps down as dean, Karen Rothenberg leaves behind a vibrant, diverse, and active law school community

fully engaged in its mission of legal education, academic scholarship, and public service."

The Rothenberg Fund will provide direct support for scholarships for students committed to public service, loan repayment assistance for graduates pursuing public service careers, and grants for students engaged in projects that benefit individuals in need. "This fund will help ensure the law school's public service work continues to be the hallmark against which all other law schools are measured," said Bekman.

Rothenberg expressed her appreciation to the fund's supporters: "Our law school's core traditions of leadership and public service have helped us respond to the changing needs of society. And our collective actions have had a profound effect on thousands of lives. This fund will be used to ensure that

our tradition of leadership in serving communities in need, whether in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., or South Africa, will continue to grow well into the future."

At the May event, Joseph Hardiman, JD '62, former president and CEO of Nasdaq, was recognized for his professional accomplishments and service to the community with the 2009 Distinguished Graduate Award. Hardiman provided the creative impetus that led to the establishment of the Karen H. Rothenberg Fund for Public Service. Juliet Choi, JD '03, received the 2009 Rising Star Award as a recent graduate who has distinguished herself in service to the law school and the community.

For information on how to contribute to the Rothenberg Fund, please visit www. law.umaryland.edu/rothenberg or call 410-706-2070



Karen Rothenberg



STEVE BERBERICH

A new study by Dental School researchers recommends a model program for urban pediatric clinics that can significantly reduce dental cavities in infants and tod-dlers of low socioeconomic status. Dental caries have been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the most widespread chronic disease and most common unmet health care need of childhood.

Researchers at the School conducted a 26-month study of 219 children, ages 6 to 27 months, at the University's Pediatric Ambulatory Center, a pediatric primary care clinic serving mostly low-income patients.

A "prevention group" of 109 children, ages 6 to 15 months, were found to be more than eight times less likely to have cavity-causing oral bacteria and had significantly fewer cavities at their final dental visit than did a control group of 110 children, ages 18 to 27 months, who had not received previous preventive care. Each child in the younger group received assessments of dental caries, monitoring of oral bacteria levels, fluoride varnishing, dental health counseling, periodic recalls, and a referral to a dentist.

The study showed that if infants and toddlers can be provided with some preventive care, their oral health will be much better at the age of 2 than if they do not receive preventive care, says study leader and Dental School Professor Glenn Minah, DDS, PhD.

Tooth decay can begin as soon as the first teeth emerge in toddlers, Minah says. And the study confirmed that children with early childhood dental caries are at higher risk for developing new carious lesions at a later age. Early childhood caries are a \$3 billion problem annually, according to the researchers.

Children who needed immediate treatment for caries were referred for treatment, and those with high microbial counts were considered high risk and recalled for additional prevention.

The desired improvements in dental care for young urban children can happen "by



The School of Nursing's Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics will look at how innovative technologies impact best practices.

Annual Conference to Explore Informatics at the Point of Care

PATRICIA ADAMS

Is informatics at the point of care a barrier or a bridge to safe, evidence-based, personalized care? This question gains new urgency with the federal government's push to integrate informatics into health care at all levels and locations. Conference participants will explore this issue at the School of Nursing's 19th annual Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI), to be held at the School July 22-25.

More than 500 people from across the United States and around the world plan to attend the conference in person or via Web streaming. SINI is not only one of the largest conferences focused on nursing informatics—because of the timeliness of its topics and the stature of its speakers—it is regarded as the premier conference of its kind, says Judy Ozbolt, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, professor and chair of the conference.

"This year's conference theme focuses on both the positive and negative impacts of informatics on patients, nurses, and care processes," says Ozbolt. "There are opportunities for nurses at all levels of expertise to explore the benefits and challenges of informatics with leaders in the field, in an environment that promotes thought-provoking discussion and networking with colleagues."

The keynote address, "Informatics as a Bridge to Knowledge at the Bedside," will be delivered by James Cimino, MD, FACMI, chief of the Laboratory for Informatics Development at the National Institutes of Health. Cimino will address the needs of clinicians for knowledge and information at the moment of making clinical decisions to carry out evidence-based best practices, highlighting innovative technologies.

Suzanne Bakken, DNSc, RN, FAAN, FACMI, alumni professor of nursing and professor of medical informatics at Columbia University, will present the endnote address, "Reducing Health Disparities Through Informatics." Bakken will describe how informatics and telehealth are bringing clinical knowledge and consultations to individuals and health care providers in resource-poor areas.

working with the physicians to assess children for caries-risk, screening them for early caries, referring them to dentists, and applying topical fluoride varnish," says Minah.

He says the success of the study was made possible largely because a full-time nurse or dentist with pediatric experience was placed at the clinic. These nurses and dentists were solely dedicated to oral care and the use of microbial screenings as a primary caries-risk indicator for the study. The risk assessments and screenings helped the staff identify high-risk subjects and children who were experiencing caries-promoting conditions.

Norman Tinanoff, DDS, MS, program director of the School's Department of Pediatric Dentistry, says that dental caries in preschool are a big problem now—and a "rather ignored" problem until 10 years ago. The problem was referenced in only two separate sentences in the 2000 report of the HHS Surgeon General's report on the nation's health. "Now it has bloomed as a public health problem and a research problem," says Tinanoff.

The study identified potential drawbacks of the model, such as added costs for laboratory equipment for analysis of the microbial screenings and recalling the young children for follow-up preventive measures.

A more cost-efficient model suggested by the study may be one that assumes every enrolled child is at high risk for tooth decay, provides fluoride varnish at the first visit and at six-month intervals, refers each child for dental treatment when cavities appear, re-examines them for oral problems at each or most medical visits, and emphasizes dental education at each visit, notes Minah.

Medicine and Graduate School Announce New Administrators



Roger Ward

SUSIE FLAHERTY AND HEATHER GRAHAM

Helping University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) students find the correct balance between school, family, and work comes very naturally to Roger Ward, EdD, JD, MPA, the University's new associate vice president for academic and student affairs. In the 1990s, the native of Trinidad and Tobago immigrated to New York City, where he worked full time as he attended community college, undergraduate school, graduate school, and law school.

As assistant vice president for student affairs at The New School in New York City for seven years, Ward became familiar with the challenges of an urban campus with different schools and a diverse population. "I work very closely with students. I'm interested in building a community and environment where they can feel supported in their academic pursuits," says Ward.



Mary Cain

In his new position, he oversees a variety of offices and services including the registrar, student services, wellness services, international services, recreation and fitness, student counseling, student financial assistance and education, and auxiliary services. As part of his responsibilities, Vice President for Academic Affairs Malinda Orlin, PhD, has charged Ward with developing the programming activities for the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, which will open next month.

"From my first meeting with Roger during the search, I knew we had the right person for UMB and for this newly created position. I'm just thrilled he's here," says

"The Southern Management Corporation Campus Center is a top priority," says Ward. "We're working to develop a programming model that brings the mission of the center to life."

As an experienced student advocate, Ward says that a close collaboration between UMB's centrally provided student services and student services provided by the schools is essential to meeting the needs of students. "At UMB, they work very well together," he says. As part of that collaboration, Ward is focused on keeping the student perspective in mind and looking at "where we could be serving students better."

For someone who has spent most of his adult life in higher education—both working and learning—Ward is very impressed by the accomplishments and drive of the students at UMB. "I'm constantly learning and being challenged by bright students. When we see their enthusiasm, we're reminded why we work in higher education," says Ward.

Within the Office of Development at the School of Medicine, Mary Cain has been promoted to executive director of development and campaign programs. The executive director reports to Dennis Narango, MA, associate dean for development, and is responsible for providing strategic leadership as well as long-range and short-term planning in a number of areas including management, operations, board relations, events, and finance.

During the past two years, Cain served as the Office of Development's director of special events and board relations. Prior to that position, she was special events coordinator. Before joining the medical school in March 2005, she was an events and fundraising specialist with the Harbinson Group, serving as a consultant to the development office for the first Fund for Medicine Gala in 2004.

Cain has worked successfully with various units and individuals throughout the medical school and University on a number of complex projects. A graduate of Missouri State University with a major in communications, she has previous business experience in marketing, communication, and management.

Public Safety @ UMB

Editor's Note: To help the University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Force spread the word about safety awareness, the VOICE will feature a regular column on safety matters.

YELLOW JACKETS ON BIKE PATROL

For the officers who have volunteered to be a part of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Police Force's Bike Patrol Unit, spring and summer mean warm weather and the chance to traverse the campus on specially designed and equipped mountain bicycles.

The unit—fondly referred to as the "Yellow Jackets" because of its bright yellow shirts—was formed in the summer of 2000 and consisted of one officer, Howard Bruce, and one bike until the fall of 2008 at which time Chief Cleveland Barnes, MS, expanded the unit to its current size of seven officers and five bicycles.

In addition to their police training, the bike patrol officers attend a 40-hour police cycling certification course. This course prepares bike officers to effectively perform their police functions within the campus community using nontraditional equipment and bicycles. The unit is operational from March to November of each year, enhancing the police force's overall effectiveness.

The Yellow Jackets provide many benefits to the police and campus. The mobility of the unit allows for the patrol of areas that are inaccessible to other police vehicles, while adding the elements of stealth and speed to their movement. Yellow Jacket officers move easily through highly congested pedestrian and vehicle areas as well, but the interaction of the officers with faculty, staff, students, and the public is by far the greatest benefit to their crime-prevention efforts.

The UMB Police Force is led by Barnes, who has been with the university police for more than 38 years. Currently, Barnes says, crime on campus is at the lowest level he has seen in his career. This is due, in part, to safety awareness on campus.

To address safety issues, the Safety Awareness Committee meets on the first Thursday of every other month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 222 N. Pine St. in room 245. These meetings offer UMB employees and members from the surrounding communities and the Baltimore and campus police to share safety information and concerns in an effort to eliminate opportunities for crime. For more information on safety awareness, visit www.umaryland. edu/police/safetyawareness.html.

In the event of an emergency on campus, call 711 or 6-3333. More information on the UMB Police Force is available at www.umaryland.edu/

Former Pharmacy Dean Honored With Portrait

STEVE BERBERICH

The man often credited with leading the School of Pharmacy to a top 10 ranking, David A. Knapp, PhD, was honored in May by officials at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), with a life-size oil portrait to be hung in the new Pharmacy Hall Addition in 2010.

Knapp was dean of the School from 1989 to 2007 and presided over the planning of the \$67 million Pharmacy Hall Addition, which is being built largely in response to a nationwide shortage of pharmacists and the profession's increasingly critical role in administering pharmacogenomic-guided drugs.

UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, said, "Dr. Knapp was superb in thinking of the campus as a whole," while working with the deans of the six other schools of the University. Ramsay added, "You did a remarkable job. It has been a marvelous career, and I always enjoyed working with you."

Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, the current dean of the School, said, "This portrait is a tribute to Dr. Knapp's 18 years of service to the School. Among his many accomplishments, he initiated our PharmD program, created a nontraditional PharmD program for practicing pharmacists, and



David Knapp posed with his portrait and artist Lisa Egeli.

greatly increased the School's extramural funding and philanthropic giving."

Knapp is a professor of pharmaceutical health services research and is still on the School's faculty at its Shady Grove campus. "What a blast it has been to work with the School of Pharmacy and to continue to work with the School of Pharmacy today," he said.

Knapp's teaching emphasis has been on the organization and financing of health

care services in the U.S. market economy and pluralistic health care system. He has been a pioneer in the development of criteria for ambulatory drug use review.

The Knapp portrait was painted by Lisa Egeli of Churchton, Md. Knapp was the sixth dean of the School. Portraits of all former deans will be featured in the Pharmacy Hall Addition when it opens in fall 2010.

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LAURELS

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Linda Flynn, PhD, RN, associate professor, Department of Family and Community Health, and Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD, RN, associate professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, have been named Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). They will be inducted at the AAN's Annual Meeting and Conference in November.

Elizabeth Galik, PhD, RN, assistant professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, has been selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar for a three-year period beginning Sept. 1, 2009. The award will provide Galik with salary support to conduct a research study, "Testing the Feasibility and Impact of Function Focused Care for Cognitively Impaired Residents in Assisted Living."

Jane Kapustin, PhD, CRNP, BC-ADM, assistant dean for master's studies and associate professor, recently became board certified as a Nurse Practitioner in Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM). Patricia Morton, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, associate dean for academic affairs and professor, and Dorrie Fontaine, PhD, MS '77, RN, dean of the University of Virginia School of Nursing, co-authored a new book, Critical Care Nursing: A Holistic Approach, which was featured at a book signing at the recent national meeting of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Cynthia Boyle, PharmD, FAPhA, director of the School's Experiential Learning Program, received the Phi Lambda Sigma National Leadership Award for exemplifying leadership qualities in support of the pharmacy profession.

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, CDE, a professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been appointed by Gov. Martin O'Malley to the State Advisory Council on Quality of Care at the

Gail Rattinger, PharmD, PhD, an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, has received an American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Faculty Development Fellowship in Geriatric Pharmacy.

Peter Swaan, PhD, a professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been named the School of Pharmacy's American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy 2009 Teacher of the Year. He was also named a member of the National Institutes of Health's Xenobiotics and Nutrient Disposition and Action Study Section.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Assistant Professor Bethany Lee, PhD, MSW, and Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, published "Residential Education: An Emerging Resource for Improving **Educational Outcomes for Youth in Foster** Care?" in Children and Youth Services Review.

Nalini Negi, PhD, MSW, assistant professor, published "Social Work Practice With Latinos: Key Issues for Social Workers" in Social Work.

Corey Shdaimah, PhD, LLB, LLM, assistant professor, published "CPS Is Not a Housing Agency; Housing Is a CPS Problem: Toward a Definition and Typology of Housing Problems in Child Welfare Cases" in Children and Youth Services Review.

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Joyful Music May Promote Heart Health

BILL SEILER

Listening to your favorite music may be good for your cardiovascular system. In a recent study, researchers at the School of Medicine have shown for the first time that the emotions aroused by joyful music have a healthy effect on blood vessel function.

Music, selected by the 10 study participants because it made them feel good and brought them a sense of joy,

caused tissue in the inner lining of blood vessels to dilate in order to increase blood flow. This healthy response matches what the same researchers found in a 2005 study of laughter. Conversely, when study volunteers listened to music they perceived as stressful, their blood vessels narrowed, producing a potentially unhealthy response that reduces blood flow.

The results of the study, conducted at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), were presented at the Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association last fall in New Orleans.

"We had previously demonstrated that positive emotions, such as laughter, were good for vascular health. So, a logical question was whether other emotions, such as those evoked by music, have a similar effect," says principal investigator Michael Miller,



MD, associate professor of medicine at the School of Medicine, and director of the Center for Preventive Cardiology at UMMC.

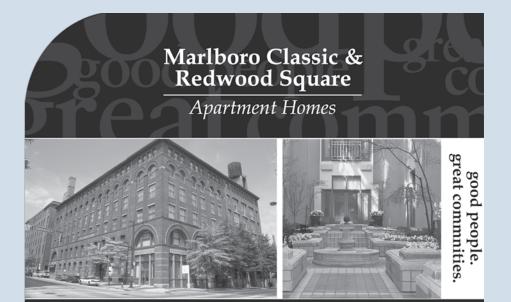
The average upper-arm blood vessel diameter in study participants increased by 26 percent after listening to joyful music, while listening to music that caused anxiety narrowed blood vessels by 6 percent. "I was

impressed with the highly significant differences both before and after listening to joyful music as well as between joyful and anxious music," says Miller.

Miller believes that a physiological reaction to the type of music is behind the formation of positive and negative blood vessel reaction.

That physiological impact may also affect the activity of brain chemicals called endorphins. "The emotional component may be an endorphin-mediated effect," says Miller. "Listening to music evokes such raw positive emotions likely, in part, due to the release of endorphins.

"Needless to say, these results were music to my ears, because they signal another preventive strategy that we may incorporate in our daily lives to promote heart health," concludes Miller.



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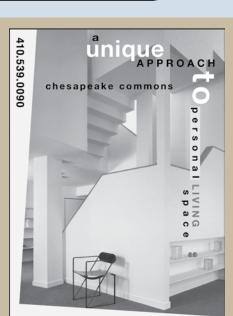
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- Corrugated boxes
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- Books (including paperbacks, textbooks, and hardbacks)
- Office paper (including typing, fax, copy, and letterhead) and envelopes
- Brown paper bags
- Telephone books
- Nonmetallic wrapping paper
- Aseptic/gable-top milk and juice cartons

NONFIBER MATERIALS

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- Wide-mouth plastic containers such as peanut butter, yogurt, margarine/butter tubs, cottage cheese, sour cream, whipped topping, and mayonnaise
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Brown, clear or green glass food and beverage containers
- Rigid plastics, which include plastic milk and soda crates, buckets with metal handles, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, totes, drums, coolers, flower pots, drinking cups and glasses, 5-gallon water bottles, pallets, toys, and empty plastic garbage and recycling
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PARKING ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Name!

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MAY JOANNE MANNING



Written by Abby Murray

In November, the School of Medicine's Department of Medical and Research Technology (DMRT) passed the much-anticipated reaccreditation site visit from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences with flying colors. This success is due in large part to the efforts of Joanne Manning, executive administrative assistant I in the DMRT. Because of Manning's persistent, dedicated, and positive manner throughout the preparation for the visit, Deirdre Parsons, MS, program

director and assistant professor in the DMRT, nominated her for an Employee of the Month award, which Manning gladly accepted from University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, this May.

Manning designed an innovative system that tracks the hundreds of materials and documents that accreditation involves. This eliminated potential inconveniences and kept the process running smoothly. Manning readily worked with Parsons to develop contracts that enable students to gain experiences in health care facilities in the greater Baltimore-Washington area. On top of this and her regular duties, Manning worked continuously to ensure that the agenda was flawless, packets were prepared, and meals were coordinated for the big day.

According to Parsons, Manning displays an outstanding work ethic that positively influences everyone she works with. "Joanne was flexible and selfless in that she adapted without complaint whenever a reaccreditation need arose," says Parsons.

"Relief" is the word Manning uses to describe how she felt when she learned that the department was reaccredited. She says that it is "wonderful to know that our professors are doing such a great job and our students are prepared to go out into the work force."

When not at the University, Manning likes to bowl in tournaments, play bingo, and cheer on the Baltimore Ravens.

first-served product-capacity basis. Please contact University Events at

Calling All Crafters!

The Office of University Events is excited to announce its second annual **University of Maryland, Baltimore Holiday Craft Fair**. We are in search of artisans who would like to exhibit their handmade holiday gifts and treats!

The craft fair will be held at the University's new Southern Management Corporation Campus Center on Friday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are in search of items such as homemade gifts for children, knitted and crocheted pieces, ceramics, handcrafted wood, blown glass, and holiday-themed merchandise. Tables are available to rent for \$25 and exhibit space is granted on a first-come,

6-8035 or events@umaryland.edu for a registration form or more information.



PARDON OUR DUST!

The new Southern Management Corporation Campus Center is opening this August and will transform our campus community. Be a part of it!

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

GBC Honors University as Corporate Sponsor

The Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) recently gave David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), an award recognizing the University for its support of the organization. The presentation was made during the GBC's annual meeting in Baltimore.

"For two years, UMB has been our corporate sponsor—the top level of support for the GBC," said Donald Fry, JD, president and chief executive officer of the GBC. "I ask Dr. Ramsay to join us onstage to accept this special award for extraordinary support of the GBC and for UMB's noteworthy work to strengthen the region's business climate." Fry commended Ramsay for leading UMB in its role as a catalyst for the redevelopment of Baltimore's West Side.

The GBC, founded in 1955, is a prominent organization of central Maryland business and civic leaders.

Husband and Wife Among Writing Contest Winners

A short story by Luke Michaelson, MSN, and his wife, Janine, both students at the School of Nursing, is among the winners of the Writing Center's first creative writing contest.

Winning writers were recognized during a recent reception at the Student Center at Pine Street. Entrants wrote essays, short stories or poems using five of 10 given elements such as a first-year law student, a dental filling, and a laboratory mouse.

The Michaelsons' entry, "How Dentists Write Their P-30 Grants in One Hour," is the humorous story of a University dentist who offers to fill a law student's tooth in

exchange for help writing a grant. Other contest winners are dental student Koshy Thomas; School of Medicine fellow Mark Travassos, MS, MD; and Mary Wynn, MS, RN, research evaluator at the School of Nursing.

Winners of this year's Say "Cheese" photo contest were also announced during the reception. Honorees included first-place winners Rich Bryson and Brian Shiu, each a School of Medicine student; Daria Grayer, a student in the School of Law; and University staff members Christine Boltz, Alyse Gettings, and Thomas Shaffer. Both contests are sponsored by Auxiliary Services, Fitness at the BioPark, OEA, Office of Student Services, and the Writing Center.

New Staff Senators Elected

Eleven staff members from throughout the University have been elected new staff senators. They join seven other senators already serving for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Established in 1994, the Staff Senate is a channel of communication to the University president and his cabinet on topics such as contractual employment, the inclement weather policy, and community outreach. Each senator serves a two-year term.

Elected in the spring were Lisa Anderson from Budget and Financial Analysis; Aphrodite Bodycomb, MBA, Health Sciences and Human Services Library; Danielle Brown and Phyllis Lovito, School of Nursing; Kenneth Fahnestock, MA, and Jean Roth, School of Medicine; William Hoffman, Dental School; Roy Ross, Facilities Management; Gynene Sullivan, School of Law; Bernadette Taylor, Administration and Finance; and Jessica Wilkinson, Office of

Administrative Services. Elected as alternates were Marlene King from the School of Medicine and Kimberly McCorr, School of Social Work.

Singing Group Plans Auditions

Legally Sound, an a cappella singing group at the School of Law, will hold auditions in early September. Male and female law school faculty, staff, and students are welcome.

The 15-member group, which existed several years ago and was re-formed in 2007, performs mostly pop songs and some classical music. Performances are held at the School of Law and other law schools. Rehearsals take place once a week.

For more information, e-mail Dan Zhu at *lsound@umaryland.edu*.

Fasano to Appear in Scientific American

Alessio Fasano, MD, professor of pediatrics, medicine, and physiology at the School of Medicine, medical director of the Center for Celiac Research, and director of the Mucosal Biology Research Center, will publish an article in next month's *Scientific American*. The article highlights the path of the discoveries made by Fasano and his colleagues that are moving scientists closer to solving the puzzle of autoimmune disorders, which include celiac disease as well as type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and inflammatory bowel diseases.

The *Scientific American* article discusses the process of discovery that may lead to treatments and therapeutic strategies, not only for celiac disease but also for other autoimmune disorders. Visit http://celiac center.org for more information.

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"In my meetings with everyone at the University—deans and vice presidents, executive assistants, security, and housekeeping personnel—I have been continually impressed by the excellence of their contributions and the level of engagement and excitement that they all have for this University," Byington says. "With this in place, it is possible for us to meet whatever challenges we will face together and continue to build on the excellence and impact of this University."

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The scientists' global call to action coincides with the 25-year anniversary of Gallo's and his colleagues' four key ground-breaking articles in *Science* magazine on May 4, 1984.

These four papers proved how the then-new, deadly virus was the cause of AIDS. This significant global contribution led to the development of the HIV blood test, thereby diagnosing individuals and helping to control the pandemic, while paving the way for drug and vaccine research initiated at the National Cancer Institute.

Ride UMB/BioPark Hours and Route

The Ride UMB/BioPark shuttle is free with University identification. Shuttle hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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CALENDAR

Through Aug. 12: Drop-in Story Time at the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry. Children preschoolage and up hear a different tooth-themed story each week and make a toothy project to take home. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Open to the public and free with museum admission. For more information, visit www.dentalmuseum.org/visit/upcoming_events/.



Through October: University Farmers Market. Fresh and locally raised produce, artisanal cheeses, eggs, meats, baked goods, and ice cream. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., University Plaza, Paca Street between Baltimore and Redwood streets.

July 22-25: 19th Annual Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics—"Informatics at the Point of Care: A Barrier or a Bridge?" School of Nursing. For more information, visit http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sini/index.htm.

Aug. 19-21: School of Pharmacy New Student Orientation. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, Aug. 19 and 21, and the Universities at Shady Grove, Aug. 20.

Sept. 9-Oct. 7: Mini-Med School 2009. Topics include male reproductive health, the hype versus the reality of stem cell research, the forensics of CSI, family and social issues, and improving outcomes for children with emergency conditions. Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility auditorium.

Sept. 11: School of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2013. 1 to 5 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility auditorium and atrium.

Sept. 30: 2009 State of the School of Medicine Address, given by E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, vice president for medical affairs, University of Maryland, John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and dean of the School of Medicine. 3 to 4 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility auditorium.

For more campus events, visit http://cf.umaryland.edu/intranet/calendar.

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CLUB UMB After-school Program Mentors Local Students

BRIAN STURDIVANT

During the 2009 spring semester, some West Baltimore elementary and middle school students got up close and personal with the DNA of strawberries and kiwi fruit. Through the CLUB UMB after-school program they learned how genetic differences can affect the way human beings perceive taste and smell, all the while connecting with future health professionals at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

The UMB Outreach Council piloted CLUB UMB, an after-school student leadership program at two public schools in the neighboring community. The council is composed of UMB faculty, staff, and students charged by University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, with providing enriched educational, health, and career exploration experiences and opportunities for community children through a partnership with local schools.

The council is chaired by Associate Vice President for Government and Community Affairs Barbara Klein, MPA, who guided the development of CLUB UMB. Brian Sturdivant, MSW, community outreach director, provided operational guidance for the pilot program, which targeted fourth-graders at George Washington Elementary School and seventh-graders at Diggs-Johnson Middle School. Based on the success-

ful pilot, CLUB UMB will be an ongoing program for the 2009-2010 school year with support from UMB volunteers.

CLUB UMB operated as an after-school program one day a week at each of the two schools. The pilot provided group and individual mentoring, with more than 40 UMB faculty, staff, and students serving as volunteer mentors and presenters for the program.

The law school led ethics discussions, other volunteers provided hands-on science

demonstrations and health-related activities. Health- and safety-related presentations included workshops on good nutrition and gang awareness, and a tree- and seed-planting activity for National Arbor Day sponsored by campus administration. Campus tours featured career-related presentations from faculty, staff, and students representing all six schools at UMB, as well as demonstrations in simulation labs located in the schools of nursing and pharmacy, the anatomy lab at the School of Medicine, and the Ceremonial Moot Courtroom at the School of Law.

Children enrolled in CLUB UMB gave high grades to the UMB volunteers. Kenyatta Hough, a graduate student in nursing, says, "I enjoyed the interaction with the



Club UMB participants explored the human skeleton in a hands-on presentation.

children and the possibility of making a difference in their lives."

UMB faculty, staff, and student volunteers are needed to serve as mentors for CLUB UMB participants in the upcoming school year. Beginning this fall, CLUB UMB will target fourth- and fifth-graders at George Washington Elementary School and seventh- and eighth-graders at the Diggs-Johnson Middle School. CLUB UMB also plans to provide internships across the campus during the school year for high school students from the nearby Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy.

For more information about CLUB UMB or to volunteer, visit www.umary-land.edu/outreach/volunteer_LT.html.

AROUND CAMPUS







1. Physical Therapy graduates walk in the inaugural academic procession at Commencement 2009. 2. Dental School graduates enjoy the commencement ceremonies at 1st Mariner Arena. 3. Commencement 2009 speaker Gov. Martin O'Malley with honorary degree recipient Richard Himelfarb (center) and University President David J. Ramsay.

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